



Pong Hau K'i (Pong-haw-kee)

What is Pong Hau K'i?

This a game from China and Korea. In Korea, it is called Ou-moul-ko-no, or Kono. It is a simple game for two. Each player tries to block the other from moving.

Print this game board or draw one like it to begin play.

Player One places their counters on the top two points and Player Two puts their counters on the bottom two points. Use beans, buttons, or other small objects as counters. Take turns going first.

Player One moves their counter to an open space (the center). Player Two moves their counter to an open space. Repeat these actions until one player cannot move their counter. The player who successfully blocks other other player from moving, wins.

Thinking It Through:

Is it better to go first or second? How must you place your counters to block your opponent? Is it possible to play this game with three counters for each player? Try to design the game board that will allow each player to use three counters. Follow the same rules for Pong Hau K'i.